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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF CROATIAN TERRORISTS

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN MEDIA HERE SIX CROATIANS INVOLVED IN 1972 MURDER OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HERE HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE REPORTEDLY LEFT SPAIN FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

2. BACKGROUND: THE SIX CROATIAN TERRORIST UNDER LIFE SENTENCE IN SWEDEN WERE RELEASED TO THREE CROATIAN AIRPLANE HIJACKERS IN SEPTEMBER 1972 IN RETURN FOR LIVES OF 70 PASSENGERS. THE NINE FLEW TO SPAIN AND WERE ARRESTED JUNE 12 THIS YEAR. MADRID COURT RULED AGAINST EXTRADITION TO SWEDEN, AND LATER FREED THE SIX. THREE HIJACKERS STILL IN PRISON PENDING DECISION BY SPANISH MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

3. EVENT IS LEAD STORY HERE. NO EDITORIALS YET BUT SWEDES WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED VOICE INDIGNATION AND
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OUTRAGE.

4. COMMENT: SWEDEN HAS BEEN RELUCTANT IN PAST TO ACCEDE TO ANTI-TERRORIST CONVENTIONS WHICH HAVE AUTOMATIC EXTRA-DITION/LOCAL TRIAL CLAUSES. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SPANISH PERFORMANCE WILL INDUCE THEM TO CHANGE MIND. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL MAKE POINT AS OPPORTUNITY OCCURS. STRAUZ-HUPE

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